

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Committee

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Chair Stamsta called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Duane Stamsta (Chair), Hank Carlson, Sandy Wolff, Andy Kallin, and Joe Griffin. Jim Jeskewitz and Bill Kramer arrived at 1:33 p.m. Jeskewitz and Wolff left at 3:40 p.m.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Deputy Health & Human Services Director Don Maurer, Administrative Services Manager Russ Kutz, Boy Scouts of America Assistant Scout Master James Lukas, Boy Scout Jeremiah Lukas, Mental Health Center Administrator Michele Cusatis, and Outpatient Services Coordinator George Owley.

Public Comment

Boy Scout Jeremiah Lukas said he was here to prepare for a report and he needed a copy of the budget for a merit badge.

Approve Minutes of April 29, 2004

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by to approve the minutes of April 29. Motion carried 5-0.

Kramer and Jeskewitz arrived at 1:33 p.m.

Read Correspondence

Copies of the following correspondence were distributed.

- The Adaptive Community Approach Program's (ACAP) 2004 Quarterly Report.
- A letter from a client praising the care he or she received at the County's Mental Health Center.
- Information from WCA (Wisconsin Counties Association) on the State effort entitled "Visions: A Proposal to Redesign Wisconsin's Human/Social Service Delivery System."

Schedule Next Meeting Dates

May 27th

Executive Committee Report

Stamsta said State Rep. Vrakas will appear at the next Executive Committee meeting to discuss legislative issues and all supervisors are invited to attend.

Educational Overview of the Clinical Services Division of the Health & Human Services Department

Owley and Cusatis were present to discuss this issue as outlined in their handout which included information on the Mental Health Center's mission statement, total admissions, program descriptions for the Outpatient Clinic and Inpatient Services. The total division budget for 2004

is \$14,851,824. There are a total of 94.59 FTE (full-time equivalent) staff. In 2003, there were a total of 1,159 admissions, down slightly from 1,189 admissions in 2002.

Regarding Inpatient Services, Cusatis said about 80% of patient admissions are admitted on an involuntary basis under the State Statutes emergency detention for mental illness, drug dependency or developmental disability, petition for examination, or alcohol protective placement.

The Community Support Program provides treatment, rehabilitation, outreach, and support services to individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. Services include psychiatric services, medication management, housing/skills for independent living, money management, social/recreation services, crisis intervention, employment related services, etc.

The Day Treatment and Residential Services Unit provides two complementary services: a State certified mental health day treatment program operated at the center, and residential placement and support services for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. Services include group therapy, daily living skills training, family education and support, social and recreational services, medication management, psychiatric services, residential placement and monitoring, etc.

Residential Care Services is a partnership between the County and Independent Living, Inc., Social Rehabilitation and Residential Resources, Volunteers of America, and the Waukesha Housing Authority and provides a wide range of residential living opportunities within the County for clients diagnosed with a primary severe and persistent mental illness. Group homes (Community based residential facilities [CBRF's]) are staffed 24 hours per day and transitional housing systems provide low income housing and for clients in transition from the group home program.

The Mental Health Outpatient Clinic is a State certified treatment facility located at the Human Services Center. The clinic provides services to County residents of all ages who are suffering from emotional disturbance, behavior difficulties, and severe and persistent mental illness. Services include psychological evaluations, psychotherapy, medication management, case monitoring of compliance with court ordered treatment, etc. The Children's Mental Health Outreach Service is a sub-unit. The Outpatient Clinic also includes mobile crisis intervention services in conjunction with the Mental Health Association.

The AODA (Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse) component of the Outpatient Clinic provides outpatient AODA services to County citizens and their families. Services consist of education and evaluation services, individual and group therapy, etc. Some services are contracted.

Discuss Special Revenue 12-Month Budget Status Report – Mental Health Center Fund

Kutz discussed this issue as outlined in the Department of Administration's Special Revenue Fund Budget Status Report and he distributed copies of the fund's 2004 budget which reflects changes due to trends experienced in 2003.

The 2003 adopted budget for the Mental Health Fund was \$4,210,610 and the modified budget was \$4,409,129. At the end of 12 months in 2003, the Mental Health Center fund showed an unfavorable balance of \$272,393. Kutz indicated that revenues below budget are mainly related to decreased client ability to pay and lower than estimated client insurance coverage.

Discuss Shadowing Experiences and Other Educational Opportunities for Committee Members

Information on various educational opportunities for supervisors were distributed which included a description of the experience and the contact person for scheduling purposes and if more information is needed. These include the mental health/ substance abuse areas, Long Term Care – developmental disabilities, Children’s Services focus, Economic Assistance and other intake division services, Children and Adolescent Services focus, and Public Health Services.

Jeskewitz and Wolff left the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Tour Mental Health Center Inpatient and Outpatient Areas

Cusatis, Owley, and Maurer guided the committee on a tour of the Mental Health Center.

Status Update on the State’s Effort Entitled “Visions: A Proposal to Redesign Wisconsin’s Human/Social Service Delivery System”

This issue was held over to a future meeting.

MOTION: Kramer moved, second by Carlson to adjourn at 4:20 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by Mary Pedersen, Legislative Associate.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew J. Kallin
Secretary